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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Lyman Kirkpatrick's Manuscript

Principally because of Kirk's name and former position this volume most certainly will make a sizeable splash in the public domain.

Because of its content and Great White Father style, it undoubtedly will stir controversy. More skeptical critics are likely to sneer at both substance and author. But rank-and-file readers, especially those in whom belief in man's goodness outweighs belief in evil, will like it. All in all, I think, we should come out definitely on the plus side. Had the book been less personal and sermonizing, I could have viewed it as a candidate for our touting as a reference book. As it is I find it slightly saccharine.

The McCarthyism sections, pages 33-21-31; Batista Cuba (Chap. 7); Bay of Pigs (Chaps. 8 & 11) and Cuban Missile Crisis (Chap. 11, pages 12-15) are likely to generate some new, unpredictable and, for us, uncomfortable, news angles and arguments. I suppose we will have to live with these.

I liked Chap. 11, "The President's Third Man: The Director of Central Intelligence." Despite the sermonizing I feel that we come off very, very well.

Two minor points which I would like to see deleted, if this is in the cards:

- (1) Page IG-351 - an account of how Scotty Reston accepted our guidance in suppressing a story from a disgruntled ex-employee.
- (2) The gratuitous parenthetical remark about Charles De Gaulle on page IG-47.

I have not addressed myself to the security aspects of the book, assuming that responsible officials have done this thoroughly.

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